

TURCO-RUSSIAN WAR.

FORWARD ALONG THE LINE.
England's Neutrality—The German Policy.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Times contains an editorial: "But for the present the country, however irritated at Russian ambition and Serbian treachery, cannot believe itself in any danger. A Times' Bucharest correspondent reports orders given in Russia for the immediate mobilization of 40,000 fresh troops. New battalions are continually crossing the Danube. A Belgrade correspondent writes that the Russian general Horvathovich is advancing eastward from Adle and has already effected a junction with the Russians and Romanians."

The Daily News says it cannot help fearing that Beaconsfield, has summoned Parliament rather to obtain in indemnity for something actually done than to consult it in the future. A Vienna correspondent to the Times says, intelligence from all sides leaves no doubt that the Russians from Plevna have commenced a forward movement in every direction. There are several indications that they are about to attack Schipka Pass. There is great dissatisfaction in the Russian ranks. Sultan Mahmud II. has been removed from the capital. The Berlin dispatch says, Prince Bismarck returns early in January.

Daily telegraphs to the Berlin Dispatch say the impression which is prevalent in Diplomatic and Bureaucratic circles here is that the German government is desirous of a termination of the war, and that it will adhere fully and freely to whatever conditions Russia may propose to exact and that it has resolved never itself to advance any obstacle nor so far as it can help permit any other power to hinder the extinction of Turkey as an European power.

THE EL PASO AFFAIR.

Rangers Liberated—United States Troops Marching to the Relief of the State Forces.

EL PASO, Dec. 19.—Gov. Hubbard telegraphs to the Secretary of War confirming the surrender of the Rangers and the shooting of Howard, Atkinson and McBride. Gov. Hubbard adds, "The balance of the State troops are held as prisoners. These latter will doubtless share the same fate unless rescued by the United States forces who were ordered your orders marching to their relief. We have information of large bodies of Mexican citizens participating in this massacre."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The War Department has the following: Chicago dispatches received from Lieutenant General Sheridan's headquarters late last night from Capt. Blair, in command at Fort Bliss, report that the Texas Rangers at San Elizario surrendered yesterday morning. Judge Howard, agent for the salt mines and Atkinson and McBride, rangers, were shot, and the rest of the rangers dispersed and killed. The rangers were shot at Fort Bliss, opposite El Paso, Mexico, and the mob has dispersed. No help was given the mob from the Mexican side of the river. The Texas army composed entirely of native born citizens of Texas.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Supreme Court Adjourned—Joyce Pardoned.

The Supreme Court adjourns Friday for two weeks.

Blaine, Hale, Dorsey and Robeson have certainly left for the Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The President has pardoned Col. John A. Joyce. He had served his time and the pardon relieves him from fine and restores him to citizenship.

William Fox, who was slightly bitten by a small dog eight weeks ago, died of hydrophobia.

A commission has been issued for Wade, Collector of the 3d district of Georgia. When his bond for fifty thousand dollars is approved he will take possession of the office.

Completion of the Weldon Bridge.

(Special telegraph to the NEWS.)

WELDON, N. C., Dec. 19th, 1877.

The Seaboard engine "Dispatch," crossed over the new bridge at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and a freight train went over from here immediately afterwards.

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Editor News.

The north bound passenger train crossed the Roanoke to-day at 4:15 P. M. Freight train crossed at 2:40 P. M.

Three cars of coal, from the G. F. & P. A.

FOREIGN.

English Press on the Situation—Uneasy Feeling Prevalent—Prefectural Changes.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The prefectural changes have been gazetted.

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The Economist of this morning says that all sorts of statements of more or less improbable character, were in circulation on the Stock Exchange Tuesday. According to one, there are negotiations in the Cabinet, another affirms that the Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for India, and Earl Carnarvon,

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Election of a Bishop.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 19.—The Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Church, Springfield Diocese, by a unanimous vote of both orders selected Rev. George Fox Seymour, D. D., Dean of the general theological seminary of New York, as Bishop of this Diocese, which was created by the late general Convention held in Boston.

Killed by Gas.

RALEIGH, Dec. 19.—Catherine Ryan, residing of La Fayette street, died last night from the effects of gas.

There is a slight hope of her recovery.

Failures.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—A special from Henry, Illinois, says: J. B. McAdams & Co., large operators in coal mines, failed, liabilities \$250,000.

RALEIGH, Dec. 19.—Grandmaster, a banker of Genesee, has failed. It is thought the depositors will receive a large percentage.

Revenue Raid.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—United States Deputy Collectors made a raid upon the building at 20 Ash street, Brooklyn, where they seized an illicit whiskey still. Among the spoils was a large copper still, two fermenting tubs, 6,000 gallons of mash and some whiskey. No arrests.

Troops not to Cross the Rio Grande.

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Children Burned.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Thos. Rooney's house at West Point, was burned to-day. His two children, aged three and five years, respectively, perished. They were locked in the house, their parents being absent.

The Strike Continues.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—The strike along the canal, hence to Lachine, seven miles, continues. Several fatalities. The strikers demand a dollar per day and fortnightly payments.

Meeting of Merchants.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 19.—A large meeting of merchants demand that the legislature accept the 50 per cent reduction made by the creditors of the State.

Steamer Estelle.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 19.—The steamer Estelle made trip from Bristol, outside New York, yesterday with United States officials. Collector DeWolf and the officers of the revenue cutter, Estelle, were aboard. She makes another trip to-day.

Cotton Burned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The ship Sund from Norfolk for Liverpool, was burned at sea. She had on board 5,500 bales of cotton.

The News and Newspapers.

(Extract from a letter from M. L. W., St. Paul, Carroll county, Va.)

"A word to editors and publishers. I do think they ought to urge the necessity of reading newspapers. My experience teaches me that families who have access to good newspapers make better readers and better spellers and also better grammarians, and I also believe that it is a great advantage to the obtaining of a good English knowledge, such being the case every family ought to have a good newspaper; and I hope that the News and every good paper will have a large circulation."

Napoleon once said: "Russia is the power now to be most apprehended. If she organizes Poland, she will be invincible. She always had a longing after Turkey, but I stood in her way in that quarter." Russia was just beginning to develop her power, and Napoleon had been disastrously thwarted in his rash effort to issue his bulletins in the old palaces of the Czars, but the words were prophetic for during the last fifty or sixty years Europe has adopted the watchword of the Duc De Choiseul: "Arreter le développement de la Russie."—*Courier-Journal* Dec. 13.

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Is another of the firmly established financial institutions of our city and State. No wild speculation by the officers or others connected with this bank will ever endanger its capital stock or deposits. Legitimate financial transactions, with such profits as properly accrue to the stockholders, is all that they ask and all the stockholders contemplated in the organization of the institution. The officers are men of established character for integrity, business capacity and courtesy.

MESSRS. PLETY AND JONES.

These young, active, intelligent and skillful dry goods merchants of our city, challenge the respect and confidence of all who deal in such goods. They claim they present for public patronage have been so far met as to bring them up to a point but little short of the very highest in the line of the city. Their semi-annual stocks are very large and they have to duplicate and reduplicate through each season to meet the demands of their trade, and increasing trade. We can and do most heartily recommend them to all persons seeking goods in their line.

J. M. ROSENBAUM.

A born merchant, long and favorably known in Raleigh, has established a character for retail dealing that has secured him a permanent and reliable custom. For dry goods, ready made clothing and fancy goods he is well known to the public, and his prices will be found reasonable. Mr. Rosenbaum is one of the large established houses of the city and is widely and favorably known to the wholesale and retail trade.

THOMAS H. BRIGGS & SONS.

Father and Sons, no more reliable gentlemen or experienced merchants than these gentlemen, of any kind, in the city. Their stock of hardware, embracing everything embraced in that line, is as complete as the wants of the country and their large trade requires. No man goes from Briggs's with any other impression than that they are fair dealers, honorable and courteous gentlemen, and that they are a pleasure to deal with. Their fine new store, one of the most commanding buildings in the city, reaches from Fayetteville to Salisbury and is packed with goods from one end to the other. They are doing a large business and they deserve it.

M'CALLAM & COOPER.

These gentlemen have come among us and engaged in the foundry business as calling on W. McKillop & Hope. By their gentlemanly bearing they have made a most favorable impression on all with whom they have come in contact. They are men of energy, energy and business habits, have laid the foundation of a permanent and profitable business. Persons desiring engines or machinery of any kind, the repairing of machinery, may always expect faithful work at moderate prices by applying at this establishment.

S. S. MARP.

The extended and merited reputation of this gentleman as a carriage builder, is shown by the orders which he receives for work.

The excellence of his vehicles cannot but be noticed at our State Fairs, and the establishment of the country for work near water or more substantial than that made in his shop. A visit to this establishment will repay one, and all the varieties of vehicles will be exhibited.

DR. GEORGE GRAHAM.

This Physician devotes his time entirely to diseases of the eye and ear, and his success in effecting cures in some very difficult cases and his performance of many very delicate operations with an unusual amount of skill, have given him quite a reputation in his profession.

He can be found at his office over Pescud, Lee & Co's. Drug Store, and those afflicted with diseases of the eye or ear can depend on receiving the best treatment that Medical science can give.

JOHN W. HINSDALE.

This well known member of the legal fraternity has an office over the Citizens' National Bank and also has an office in the city of Fayetteville. He is prepared to use his legal ability and give the most thorough attention to his clients, practicing in all the courts and collecting claims in all parts of the Union. His courtesy and carefulness are very pleasing and satisfactory to clients.

MESSRS. PESCUD, LEE & CO.

This firm succeeds to the long established and well known business of P. F. Pescud, who before he died, had collected the insurance line, was one of the most popular and widely known druggists in the State. The first named in the present firm is a member of the firm, and all the members of the firm are reliable gentlemen, and those in immediate charge well skilled in all the branches of their business, including (and this is a very important part of the business) the carefully compounding and putting

up of prescriptions. We can most cheerfully recommend the house of Pescud, Lee & Co. to all wanting anything in the drug and medicine line.

FOOT & MORING.

These young men, doing business on Wilmington street, have been engaged for a number of years in the grocery and commission business, and have, like many others, of our young business men, secured for themselves a large and lucrative trade, secured the confidence of all who have had business transactions with them, and are on the sure and steady road to fortune. They are trustworthy, honorable young men, conscientious in their dealings and deserving the high position they have attained in commercial circles.

W. C. MCMAKIN.

This well known cotton and commission merchant and dealer in fertilizers, has by his untiring industry and knowledge of the requirements of the trade built up a business of large dimensions. He attends with promptness and care to the collection of bills and disposes of the same for the highest prices obtainable. He is agent for one of the best fertilizers in use, More Phillips' Phosphate, which is in use in deservedly high estimation by farmers.

CLAS & JOHNSON.

Cotton Factor, devotes himself entirely to this business, and is a large purchaser of the staple. He also, when desired, stores cotton, making advances on the same. Those wishing to realize on a one-horse day, in company with Mr. J. P. H. Adams, to survey the piece of land sold by his sister last Saturday, on Walnut creek. On going down the hill beyond the Insane Asylum, some part of the harness gave way, which caused the day to run against the horse; the horse became frightened and dashed off down hill. Mr. Adams and Mr. Green became alarmed and both attempted to jump from the day; Mr. Adams alighted on his feet, but Mr. Green was not so fortunate; he fell on his head and shoulder in front of the wheels, which ran over his left wrist and both legs, inflicting very serious wounds and bruises, but fortunately breaking no bones. Mr. Green was brought back to his home in the city, where he was suffering much pain last night, but it is hoped he will recover and be out soon.

Special Term for Halifax.

A special term of Halifax Superior Court has been ordered, and Judge Schuchman was commissioned on Tuesday to hold it. The term will commence on the third Monday in January, 1878.

For coughs, colds, croup, hoarseness, &c., use Dr. Boyke's Cough Syrup. Price 25 cents. For sale by F. H. Heatt, Druggist, Raleigh, N. C.

For the Holidays.

At Theodore Joseph's, Splendid Billiard Parlor, Liquors, Schalk's Lager Beer, (the best in the city), Elegant Dining Rooms, Oysters in every style. Customers waited on promptly, & courteously and satisfaction. A hearty welcome to all.

D. C. 19.

Fresh Line.

Lump line received weekly from the kilns. Send us your orders, with the full assurance that you will get the best Rock Line, and always at rock bottom prices. Call on J. C. & Co., hardware merchants, Raleigh, N. C.

New Year's Cards.

An elegant assortment of New Year's Cards of all kinds, which you apply early, at the News Job Office.

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